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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR BUSH TRAVEL PLANS

FOR BUSH FROM ARMSTRONG

REFS: A. PEKING 1289, B. STATE 172690, C. PEKING 1355

1. OUR QUERY IN REF B MUST HAVE PUZZLED YOU. FOR SOME REASON (PERHAPS A COMPUTER IN COMMUNICATION CENTER WENT ON STRIKE), REF A DID NOT REACH ANYONE IN EA, OR ANYONE ELSE AS FAR AS WE KNOW, UNTIL REF C ARRIVED REFERENCING THAT EARLIER MESSAGE.

2. I'VE CHECKED WITH HABIB AND THE NSC, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT YOU DEFER YOUR DEPARTURE LONG ENOUGH TO BE THERE FOR THE MAIN EVENTS IN THE PEKING PORTION OF VISIT BY THE CONGRESSIONAL GROUP LED BY ANDERSON. UNDER CURRENT THINKING BACK HERE, THIS WOULD STILL LET YOU HAVE ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT OF TIME IN THE U.S. AND GET BACK TO PEKING
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BEFORE ANY DEVELOPMENTS WHICH MIGHT NECESSITATE YOUR PRESENCE THERE.

3. SINCE THE ANDERSON DELEGATION IS THE ONE MAKING THE

OFFICIAL VISIT, WE WANT TO AVOID ANYTHING THAT MIGHT GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT WE DO NOT ATTACH APPROPRIATE IMPORTANCE TO IT. MOST OF THE DELEGATION MEMBERS WILL SCATTER WHEN THE AUGUST RECESS STARTS AND RETURN TO WASHINGTON JUST IN TIME TO CATCH THE PLANE, SO GETTING THEM TOGETHER WITH YOU IN WASHINGTON MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE.

4. BUT IF DEFERRING YOUR DEPARTURE, E.G. UNTIL AUGUST 24, DISCOMBOBULATES YOUR PERSONAL PLANS TOO MUCH, LET US KNOW.

5. IN THE MEANTIME, EA/EX WILL BE SEPARATELY CABLING THE FISCAL DATA FOR YOUR TRAVEL, INCLUDING ONE LEG VIA EUROPE. IF YOU WANT TO DELAY YOUR DEPARTURE UNTIL AUGUST 29, YOU COULD FLY BACK WITH ANDERSON DELEGATION, ARRIVING WASHINGTON AUGUST 30 AFTER AN OVERNIGHT STOP EN ROUTE. KISSINGER

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